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1. Since the surrender of Rumania in 1944, this shipyard has been under the control of the Rumano-Soviet River Navigation Company (SRT).
2. The technical manager of the yard is a one-time hammersmith. There is a Soviet control commission and an acceptance commission at the yard. The labor force and staff comprise approximately 2,000 persons. The personnel is subject to frequent change as the output rates have been set very high.
3. The shipyard area is located on the strip of terrain between the bank of the Danube River and the railroad line west of the harbor, on the western approach road to the harbor. The railroad line passing along the northern edge of the yard has two tracks; near the northwest corner of the yard the track system of the railroad station of Turnu Severin begins. West of the premises of the yard, as far as the area of the shipyard of the Resita Works, is a piece of land which is about 1,200 meters long and not built up on. The surface of the shipyard area is about 400 meters by 300 meters. There are two approach roads, the main one on the east edge of the yard, the secondary approach on the western edge of the yard. The latter branches off from the Orsova-Turnu Severin State Highway. Apparently there are no railroad sidings leading into the inner part of the premises of the yard.
4. Beginning from the main gate, which is located at the eastern end of the yard, and moving from east to west, are the following buildings:
 - a. A two-story office building, 25 meters by 10 meters, which houses the offices of the SRT, the time clock, and the porter's lodge.
 - b. The management and technical offices are located in a one-story building 25 meters by 15 meters.
 - c. A workshop, 25 meters by 25 meters.
 - d. A workshop, 25 meters by 25 meters.
 - e. An L-shaped workshop and storeroom building. This is a one-story structure 50 meters by 25 meters by 15 meters, housing a workshop, storerooms and offices.

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- f. The foundry and forge, located in the northwest part of the premises. There is a smokestack attached.
- g. Other buildings, purpose unknown.
- h. A Bargebuilding slip.
- i. A repair berth for vessels afloat.

5. At the time of this report the building program provided for the construction of the following vessels:

- a. Five tow barges of 1,000 tons each, for the transport of bulk (grain) cargo and general cargo.
- b. Five tank barges, 2,000 tons each, for the transport of petroleum products.
- c. Ten sea-going wooden fishing vessels, of the same type as those being built in the Dinamica yard.

Up to late August 1948, five tow barges and one tank barge had been delivered to the Soviet Union.

- 6. The two shipyards in Turnu Severin (SRT and Dinamica), and the shipyards in Corabia, Galati and Braila each had to deliver 10 sea-going fishing vessels (allegedly mine-sweepers) to the Soviet Union. The building program for the Constanta dockyard differs in that the IC-engines for the fishing vessels built there are furnished by the Soviet Union. In addition to constructing new vessels, the SRT yard also repairs Rumanian and foreign ships, especially Soviet vessels.
- 7. The shipyard has a power station of its own, which is larger and more powerful than the power station of the nearby Dinamica yard.

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